

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 24, 2003, has been reviewed. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended, and new claims 3-10 have been added for the Examiner's consideration. In addition, Applicant has submitted formal drawings as requested by the Examiner.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §101

In the Office Action mailed November 24, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,435.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Therefore, it is believed that claims 1 and 2 are no longer coextensive in scope with claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,435. In addition, it is believed that new claims 3-10 are also not coextensive in scope.

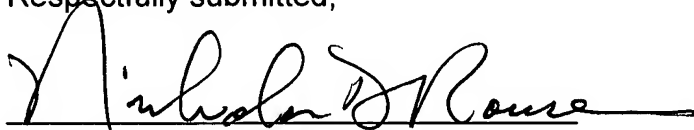
In view thereof, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of Applicants' claims 1 and 2, as amended, under 35 U.S.C. §101 as applicable to the claims now pending in the application.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that this application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance for the reasons stated hereinabove. Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider each and every rejection as applicable to the claims now pending in the application and pass such claims to issue.

This Amendment is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas D. Rouse", written over a horizontal line.

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